

*Date:* 11/28/18

*Requested by:* Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio, Inc.

*Address:* [md@arcadiastudio.com](mailto:md@arcadiastudio.com)

*Location of Tree:* 17 S. Milpas St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

**Tree Species:** *Ficus microcarpa*

**Common Name:** Indian Laurel Fig

*Requested Reason for Removal:* Owner preference, business security.

*Current designated Street Tree:* *Metrosideros excelsus*, New Zealand Christmas Tree (1977 Master Plan)

*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* Conditionally Approve Removal: ☒ Deny Removal: ☐

*Staff Recommendation:* Conditionally Approve Removal: ☒ Deny Removal: ☐

*Date Posted:* 2/14/19

*Comments:* The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve both trees on the condition the Architectural Board of Review approves the rest of their project.

**PHOTO INVENTORY**





**City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department  
STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION**

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**DEC 20 2018**

**PARK & RECREATION  
PARKS DIVISION**

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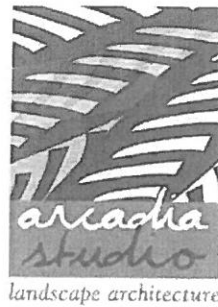
**Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)**

<b>DATE OF REQUEST:</b>	December 20, 2018
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Martha Degasis Arcadia Studio, Inc.
<b>ADJACENT OWNER NAME:</b> (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	R.Polti Associates 1328 Madonna Rd. San Luis Obispo, Ca 93405
<b>MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>	202 East Cota St. Santa Barbara Ca 93101
<b>DAYTIME PHONE:</b>	805-962-9055 x 31
<b>TREE LOCATION (Address):</b>	900 block Carpinteria Street : 17 South Milpas St.
<b>TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):</b>	Metrosideros excelsa (1) Ficus benjamina (1)
<b>REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:</b>	Owner preference

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
  - The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
  - Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review or Historic Landmarks Commission
  - The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree
- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan





December 20, 2018

Mr. Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent  
City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Division  
402 East Ortega Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: 17 South Milpas Street: 900 Block Carpinteria Street

Dear Mr. Downey:

The project at 17 South Milpas Street, Santa Barbara Plaza, involves redevelopment of the property to accommodate a new tenant for the grocery store space. Due to these improvements, we request permission to remove one *Metrosideros excelsa* street tree and one *Ficus benjamina* / Weeping Fig street tree on Carpinteria Street to improve site visibility and security, which is currently blocked by the trees.

We propose to replace the two trees with *Syagrus romanzoffiana* / Queen Palms. In addition, we propose to plant *Melaleuca linariifolia* / Flaxleaf Paperbark in two empty tree wells along Carpinteria Street adjacent to the shopping center building. All *Syagrus romanzoffiana* will measure a minimum of 12' clear trunk height.

Following is some background information provided by the landlord regarding the desire to remove the existing street trees:

- The Landlord has secured interest from Sprouts Farmer's Market to lease the space formerly occupied by Trader Joe's, Petco, and SB Tobacco. Sprouts will be a welcome addition to this Milpas neighborhood to fill a grocery store void. Sprouts is very concerned with the recent robbery/invasion of the Trader Joe's two blocks away on Milpas Street and has security concerns including the persistent homeless presence and nighttime occupation of portions of the site. Therefore Sprouts requires that the landlord improve the visual security of the shopping center by removing the current "wall" of street trees along the street and replacing them with palm trees--a landscape theme currently in place from the beach and E. Cabrillo Boulevard through the Milpas round-about and along Carpinteria Street at the Rabobank frontage across from Santa Barbara Plaza.
- Mayor Murillo and District 1 Councilmember Jason Dominguez are in full support of the landlord's efforts to remodel Santa Barbara Plaza in order to secure a full-service grocery store at this location. They support as well the landlord's efforts to replace the street trees by extending the Palm tree theme.

- The Sprouts transaction is contingent upon the landlord obtaining approval to revise and upgrade all of the sidewalk street trees in front of Santa Barbara Plaza.

We request a co-designation of *Syagrus romanzoffiana* in addition to the designated street tree of *Melaleuca linariifolia* in front of Santa Barbara Plaza on Carpinteria Street.

The project has been submitted this week for Preliminary Review with the City of Santa Barbara Architectural Review Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martha Degasis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arcadia Studio, Inc.  
Martha Degasis, ASLA  
Senior Associate

Attachments:  
Preliminary Landscape Plan  
Tree Disposition Plan  
Photographs

## 17 South Milpas Street



*Ficus microcarpa* on Carpinteria Street to remove (background)  
*Metrosideros excelsa* to remove (foreground)



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17 South Milpas Street



Ficus microcarpa on Carpinteria Street



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PLANT SCHEDULE

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### TREE DISPOSITION SUMMARY